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THE NATIONAL SECURITY STRUCTURE AND THE FUNCTIONS OF
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

GENERAL STARRY,
GENTLEMEN:

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO COVER FOR YOU BRIEFLY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DCI AND HOW HE CARRIES THEM OUT, SHOW YOU HOW THE INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE IS PUT TOGETHER AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, REFLECT ON THE TRENDS IN INTELLIGENCE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, AND NOTE THE CURRENT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THAT THE DCI FACES.

ONE THING TO BE UNDERSTOOD AT THE OUTSET: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE WEARS TWO HATS -- UNDER ONE, HE IS THE PRESIDENT'S PRINCIPAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR. JUST AS A DIVISION COMMANDER HAS HIS G-2, SO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HAS HIS DCI. IN THIS ROLE AS THE NATION'S SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, COLBY DOES NOT COMMAND OTHER INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS AND AGENCIES ANYMORE THAN DIVISION G-2 COMMANDS BRIGADE S-2'S. SINCE NOVEMBER 1971, HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS AND TO COMMENT ON AND JUSTIFY THE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS OF THE OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES.

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